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PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS FOR 1955

The Crop Reporting Board of the Agricultural Marketing Service makes the following report for the United States, on the indicated acreages of certain crops in 1955 based upon reports from farmers in all parts of the country on or about March 1 regarding their acreage plans for the 1955 season. The acreages for 1955 are interpretations of reports from growers and are based on past relationships between such reports and acreages actually planted. The purpose of this report is to assist growers generally in making such further changes in their acreage plans as may appear desirable. The acreages actually planted in 1955 may turn out to be larger or smaller than indicated, by reason of weather conditions, price changes, labor supply, financial conditions, the agricultural program, and the effect of this report itself upon farmers' actions.

OKLAHOMA: The March survey of planting intentions indicates that the 1955 acreage of oats, barley and hay will be larger than in 1954, the acreage of SORGHUMS will be about the same but the acreage of other important crops will be smaller. The 1955 CORN acreage is indicated at 289,000 acres, or 78 percent of the 371,000 acres planted last year. The intended acreage of OATS is 1,305,000 compared with 1,044,000 acres planted in 1954, an increase of 25 percent. The acreage of BARLEY is indicated at 350,000 acres, 22 percent more than was planted in 1954. The intended acreage of SORGHUMS is 1,875,000 about the same as last year, but actual plantings will be influenced by the abandonment of wheat and moisture conditions at planting time. The acreage of ALL HAY, both TAME and WILD, is indicated at 1,450,000 acres or one percent larger than last year. The 1955 PEANUT acreage is indicated at 138,000 acres, about one percent less than in 1954. The March survey indicates that the acreage of SOYBEANS will be about 39,000 acres, a reduction of 30 percent from the acreage planted in 1954. COTTON and BROOMCORN were not included in the March acreage survey.

UNITED STATES: Farmers intend to plant 82,033,000 acres of CORN this year according to their reports as of March 1. This is about the same as the 1954 acreage and 95 percent of the ten-year average. The 1955 acreage of OATS is indicated at 47,664,000 acres, or one percent larger than a year ago. March intentions reports indicate that the acreage of ALL SORGHUMS will be 7 percent larger than in 1954 but actual plantings will be influenced by the abandonment of grain crops, moisture conditions, and other factors at planting time. The indicated acreage of SORGHUMS FOR ALL PURPOSES is 21,322,000 acres compared with 19,882,000 acres in 1954.

PLANTED ACREAGES

CROP	OKLAHOMA					UNITED STATES			
	Average: 1944-53: (000)	1954 (000)	Indica- ted 1955 (000)	1955 as % of 1954 Percent	Average: 1944-53: (000)	Indica- ted 1955 (000)	1955 as % of 1954 Percent		
Corn, All	1,139	371	289	78	86,122	81,893	82,033	100	
Oats	1,030	1,044	1,305	125	43,968	47,284	47,664	101	
Barley	136	287	350	122	11,673	14,517	15,776	109	
Sorghums, All	1,677	1,875	1,875	100	14,206	19,882	21,322	107	
Potatoes	12.6	3.2	3.0	94	2,004	1,423	1,434	101	
Sweetpotatoes	5.7	3.1	2.5	80	504	354	354	100	
Soybeans 1/	50	56	39	70	13,740	18,753	19,981	107	
Peanuts 1/	219	139	138	99	3,135	1,932	1,914	99	
Hay 2/	1,413	1,436	1,450	101	74,328	72,770	74,360	102	

1/ Grown alone for all purposes.

2/ Acreage harvested.

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